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# Polygraph Ban Opposed

The Reagan administration opposes a bill that would forbid it to reinstate an anti-leak policy that relies on lie detector tests of federal employees, a Justice Department official testified yesterday.

Richard Willard, acting assistant attorney general in charge of the Civil Division, told a House Post Office and Civil Service subcommittee that the bill would "serve no useful purpose" now that President Reagan has suspended the anti-leak orders.

But Rep. Jack Brooks (D-Tex.) insisted that the suspension was only "a tactical postponement" to cool the controversy before the November elections.

Brooks' bill would prohibit subjecting thousands of government workers with access to classified information to the threat of polygraph tests and lifetime censorship of their writings and speeches.

Reagan issued the anti-leak orders last March but suspended them two weeks ago after Congress challenged the censorship and lie detector provisions and temporarily blocked them from taking effect.

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